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# Former CIA chief berates Carter policies

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**SUN VALLEY** — Speaking like a presidential candidate, former CIA director George Bush blasted Jimmy Carter's foreign policy Thursday and said Americans should tell Congress "that they are sick of the way the country is being run."

Bush spoke at the Idaho State Bar Association convention.

A former U. S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bush would not say whether he will run for president. But he added, "I'm certainly doing everything I should be doing if I intend to run."

And he said he is "seriously interested in the job," and will announce his intentions next year.

During a news conference before

his talk, Bush aggressively attacked cabinet level bickering in the Carter administration.

He is touring the country, making stops to endorse Republican candidates on the state and national level. He has a long background in Republican politics, having served as chairman of the national committee in 1973-74.

From 1971-73 he was ambassador to the United Nations, moving to chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking and then to CIA director.

Bush said he sees a shift from liberal to conservative political values and a mounting split among Democratic ranks.

He criticized the Carter administration for its "confused signals" in foreign affairs.

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"He (Carter) gave away the B-1 bomber before we even sat down with the Soviets," Bush said, referring to the upcoming SALT II negotiations. "We should be bargaining from a

position of strength not weakness."

He termed U.S. ambassador Andrew Young's recent comments about political prisoners "absolutely absurd."

"But, I don't fault Andy Young as much as I do Carter," he added. "The responsibility lies with the president. They're all sending out the wrong signals."

The Carter administration has been "hypocritically selective" in denouncing human rights violations in foreign countries, Bush said.

"There was unprecedented genocide on the part of Cambodia, but he said nothing. He has always been silent about the Chinese. And there is the matter of respect for the internal affairs of another country."

Sensitive negotiations with the

Soviet Union are being upset with public denunciations, he added.

"I don't think it's producing results when he's continually slapping the Soviets," Bush said.

Bush said he agrees with a "moral" foreign policy.

"But, I'd like to see it efficient. We should be using diplomacy to make things happen."

Constant "harping" against the CIA and the FBI will eventually weaken national defense, he added.

"There are some things in an open society that have to be kept secret," he said. "We keep drying up sensitive sources abroad."

A source "is not going to cooperate if he thinks he's going to see his name on the front page of the Boise newspaper," Bush said.